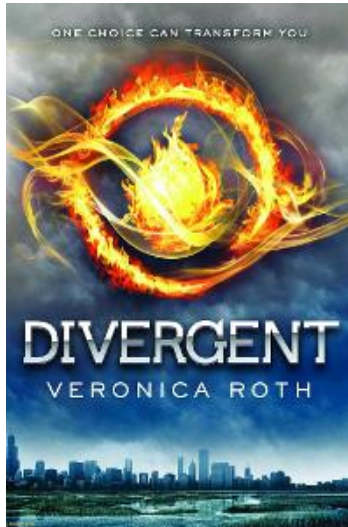


DIVERGENT

----- Deb Lee – ECI 521-F15 -----

Author: Veronica Roth
Published: 2011

Director: Neil Burger
Year: 2014



Beatrice/Tris.....	Shailene Woodley
Four.....	Theo James
Jeanine.....	Kate Winslet
Eric.....	Jai Courtney

Summary:

In post-apocalyptic Chicago, society is organized into five different factions to control and prevent humankind's inclination towards evil from causing another societal destruction. The five factions are Amity who promote peace, Erudite who pursue knowledge, Candor who value honesty, Dauntless who defeat fear through bravery, and Abnegation who do all things selflessly. While children grow up in the faction of their parents, when they are 16 years old they undergo a simulation that challenges their reactions to certain experiences to determine which faction they truly belong to. Then, they will permanently claim their true faction at the Choosing Ceremony. The protagonist, Beatrice of Abnegation (later self-renamed Tris), is an anomaly: she doesn't think and act like just one faction, but multiple. However, in a world where all things are controlled and predicted based on personality, anyone who would think beyond expectations poses as a threat, thus these hybrid personalities are called Divergent.

Tris doesn't understand what it means to be Divergent and how seriously lethal it is to her safety and the eyes of Jeanine, the leader of Erudite who is viciously intelligent and seeks to eliminate all Divergents. Forsaking her parents' faction, Tris chooses Dauntless

and is forced to discover her true identity, convictions about society, and literally face her worst fears. In a world where no secret can be kept hidden too long, Tris must learn how to discover and discern truth, courageously endure independence, and seek to bring true restoration to a false utopia.

Film Critiques:

- Lack of Tris' thoughts
- Lack of character/storyline development

Film Highlight:

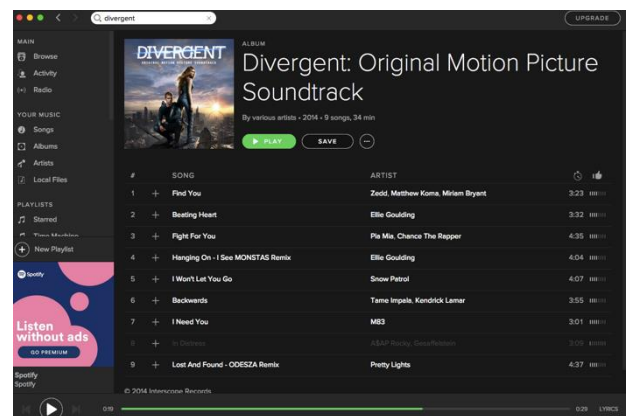
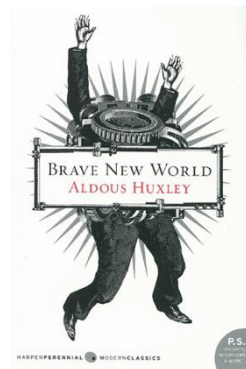
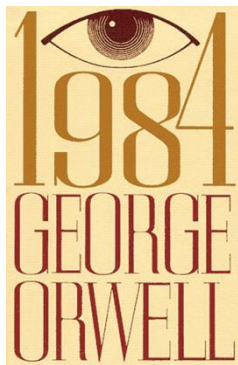
- Strong symbolic scenes

Pedagogy:



- divide class into 5 groups (factions)
- each group log their daily activities (thoughts, attire, food, behavior...etc) so that all faction members can see
- their activities should be similar, just as the factions are designed to function homogenously in the novel

Use as a bridge to “classic” dystopian text:



Create a Faction Playlist

